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SUBJECT: VENEZUELA NAMES NEW OPEC GOVERNOR

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1. THE GOV HAS NAMED DR. JESUS R. GARCIA CORONADO,
AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES AND HYDROCARBONS, AS
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VENEZUELA'S NEW GOVERNOR TO OPEC. HE WILL FILL THE

VACANCY LEFT BY THE RESIGNATION EARLY THIS YEAR OF ALBERTO FLORES ORTEGA, WHO WAS AMONG THOSE ACCUSED OF ACCEPTING BRIBES FROM OCCIDENTAL PETROLEUM COMPANY.

2. GARCIA'S EDUCATION AND EXPERIENCE HAVE BEEN PRIMARILY IN THE TECHNICAL FIELDS. AFTER SIX YEARS WITH GULF OIL'S VENEZUELAN SUBSIDIARY, HE JOINED THE REVERSION OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF MINES IN 1973. WITH THE COMPLETION OF NATIONALIZATION, HE PLANNED TO MOVE TO THE GOV'S PETROLEUM RESEARCH INSTITUTE THIS SUMMER, BUT WAS ASKED BY THE MINISTER TO TAKE THE OPEC POSITION. HE HAD PREVIOUSLY ATTENDED VARIOUS OPEC TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETINGS. DISCUSSING HIS NEW POSITION WITH THE EMBASSY'S PETOFF, GARCIA SAID HE WAS COMFORTABLE DEALING WITH ITS TECHNICAL ASPECTS BUT FELT UNPREPARED ON ECONOMIC ISSUES. FORTUNATELY, HE SAID, HE WOULD NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR POLICY DECISIONS, WHICH WOULD BE LEFT TO THE MINISTER. IT IS NOT KNOWN WHETHER GARCIA HAS ALSO INHERITED HIS PREDECESSOR'S BROADER RESPONSIBILITIES WITHIN THE MINISTRY. (PARA 2, REFTEL).

3. GARCIA IS ABOUT 45 YEARS OLD AND SINGLE. HE HAS STUDIED IN THE U.S. (COLORADO SCHOOL OF MINES) ON THREE SEPARATE OCCASIONS, MOST RECENTLY IN 1970-71 WHEN HE RECEIVED A MASTER'S DEGREE IN PETROLEUM REFINING UNDER A PROGRAM SUPPORTED BY GULF OIL. HE SPEAKS ENGLISH WELL AND SEEMS FRIENDLY AND OUTGOING.
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